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Application Number	09/670,917
Filing Date	September 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	Norikazu MIZUNO, et al.
Art Unit	2822
Examiner Name	Maria F. Guerrero
Attorney Docket Number	81877.0007

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- b. ☐ Other _____

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In re application of:

Norikazu MIZUNO, et al.

Serial No: 09/670,917

Filed: September 29, 2000

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR REMOVING SILICON
NITRIDE FORMED IN A REACTION
CONTAINER WITH NF_3 GAS FLOWING
INTO THE REACTION CONTAINER (AS
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Art Unit: 2822

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2002, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed Petition to April 22, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following text:

“SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR REMOVING SILICON NITRIDE FORMED IN A REACTION
CONTAINER WITH NF_3 GAS FLOWING INTO THE REACTION CONTAINER”